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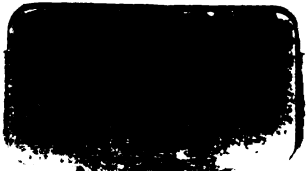

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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Question Book upon the Life of our Saviour has been prepared with much study and many prayers, by one whom I have known for more than ten years as an earnest and devoted Sunday-school teacher.

Having carefully revised the work, I recommend it for the following reasons: —

First. Because it is in three grades, which enables the whole school to study the same lesson and so affords the opportunity for a general exercise, which, if properly conducted, will greatly increase both its interest and impression.

Second. Because the subject is Jesus Christ Himself, whence He came, who He is, what He did, and what He said; and those who study it must necessarily be brought into contact with Him, and be made to see Him only.

Children should drink at the fountain head, and their food be simple.

Third. Because, while the distinctive features of our own Church and her beautiful division of the year are clearly and lovingly set forth, it is yet done without exaggeration, and everywhere the great vital truths of the Church Protestant are made to stand out so clearly that "he may run that readeth," and the student is pointed to "Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

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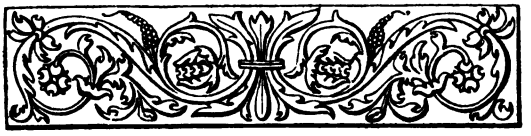
PREFACE.

THE encouragement resulting from the sale of the "Gordon Question Books," leads the author to hope that they have met, in some measure, a want in the Sunday School, and that the series may be the more complete, this Infant grade has been prepared for the instruction of very young children.

To Him, who seems already to have blessed this work, this additional book for His little ones is committed.



QUESTIONS.

LESSON I.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

St. Luke ii. 4–7.

WHO went up to Bethlehem?

Ans. Joseph and Mary.

Where is Bethlehem?

Ans. In the Holy Land.

Why is it called the Holy Land?

Ans. Because God loved it, and Jesus was born there.

Where did they go?

Ans. To a stable, because there was no room at the inn.

What great event took place while they were at Bethlehem?

Ans. A child was born.

Who was this child?

Ans. Jesus Christ.

Who is Jesus Christ?

Ans. He is the Son of God.

What was made by Him?

Ans. The world, and all things in it.

Where was Jesus laid after He was born?

Ans. Mary, His mother, "wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger."

What is a manger?

Ans. A crib in a stable, from which horses and cattle are fed.

Was the birth of Jesus of any importance to you and me?

Ans. Yes; for He came into the world to save us from sin and eternal punishment.

What did He do to save us?

Ans. He died on the cross.

What led Jesus to come and save us?

Ans. He came because He loved us.

Ought you not to love Him in return?

Ans. Yes; for then He will take us to heaven, where He wishes us to go.

When does our Church remind us of the birth of Jesus?

Ans. At Christmas.

What do we do to our churches, and what does it mean?

Ans. We dress them with branches and wreaths of evergreen to show our joy and thankfulness.

LESSON II.

THE SHEPHERDS TOLD OF JESUS' BIRTH.

St. Luke ii. 8–14.

WHOM were you told about in the last lesson?

Ans. Jesus, our Saviour.

Where was He born?

Ans. In Bethlehem.

Who were in the country near by?

Ans. Shepherds, taking care of their sheep by night.

Who appeared to them?

Ans. "The angel of the Lord."

What shone around about them?

Ans. The glory of the Lord shone around about them.

Were they not astonished at this splendor?

Ans. They were afraid.

What did the angel tell them?

Ans. That Jesus the Saviour had come into the world.

How is Jesus a Saviour?

Ans. He died to save us from sin and punishment.

Where did the angel say the shepherds would find Jesus?

Ans. At Bethlehem, lying in a manger.

What suddenly appeared with the angel?

Ans. A multitude of the Heavenly hosts praising God.

What are the Heavenly hosts?

Ans. The angels and saints living in Heaven.

Why did they praise God?

Ans. Because a Saviour had come into the world.

What did the angels sing?

Ans. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

How had God showed His "good-will" or love toward us?

Ans. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." St. John iii. 16.

LESSON III.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS.

St. Luke ii. 15–21.

WHO were told of Jesus' birth in the last lesson?

Ans. Shepherds, as they were watching their flock by night.

Who told them?

Ans. The angel of the Lord.

Did more than one angel appear to them?

Ans. Yes; a host of them.

Where did they go?

Ans. Back to Heaven.

What did they tell the shepherds to do?

Ans. To go to Bethlehem, to find Jesus.

Can *you* find Jesus?

Ans. Yes; if I seek Him, by praying to Him.

Where did the shepherds find Jesus?

Ans. They came with haste and found Mary and Joseph in a stable, and Jesus lying in a manger.

Ought you not to make haste to find Jesus?

Ans. Yes; for He only can help me to do right, and give me a place in heaven.

What did the shepherds do?

Ans. They told those about them that a Saviour had come into the world.

Where did they go?

Ans. They returned to their sheep in the field, praising God.

Why did they praise God?

Ans. Because they had seen Jesus their Saviour.

What was done eight days after Jesus was born?

Ans. They took him to be circumcised.

Who named Jesus?

Ans. An angel.

On what day does our Church remind us of the circumcision of Jesus?

Ans. The first day of the year, eight days after Christmas.

LESSON IV.

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN.

St. Matt. ii. 1–12.

WHO came to Jerusalem?

Ans. Wise men from the East.

Why did they come?

Ans. To ask where Jesus was.

Why did they wish to know?

Ans. They had seen His star in the East and had come to worship Him.

Who heard that the wise men came to worship Jesus as their King?

Ans. Herod, the king of the Jews, and he was troubled.

What did he do?

Ans. He called the wise men to him and told them to go to Bethlehem and search for the child Jesus.

What did he tell them to do after they had found Jesus.

Ans. To come and tell him, so that he might go and worship Jesus.

Did he wish to worship Him?

Ans. He wished to know that he might have Him killed.

Did the wise men go to Bethlehem?

Ans. They did; the star going before them, till it came and stood over where Jesus was.

What gifts did the wise men bring?

Ans. They fell down and worshipped Jesus, and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

What are frankincense, and myrrh?

Ans. Sweet smelling gums.

Did the wise men go home?

Ans. They did; for God told them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

When does our Church remind us of this event?

Ans. At the festival of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas.

What is the meaning of Epiphany.

Ans. Manifestation, or showing.

LESSON V.

THE JOURNEY INTO EGYPT.

St. Matt. ii. 13-23.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. The wise men coming to worship Jesus.

When the wise men had gone, who appeared to Joseph?

Ans. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

What did the angel tell Joseph to do?

Ans. To take Jesus and His mother, and flee into Egypt.

Why did he tell them to go?

Ans. Because Herod would kill Jesus.

Did Joseph go?

Ans. He took Jesus and His mother by night, and went into Egypt.

Why did he go by night?

Ans. That Herod might not know it.

What did the wicked King Herod do?

Ans. He sent men to kill all children under two years of age, in and near Bethlehem.

Why did he do this?

Ans. He thought by doing so Jesus would be killed.

Who appeared to Joseph when Herod was dead?

Ans. An angel of the Lord, in a dream.

What did he tell him to do?

Ans. To take Jesus and His mother and go to his home.

Did Joseph do as the angel told him?

Ans. He took them back to his home.

Did he go back to Bethlehem?

Ans. No; but to a town called Nazareth, where he and Mary had been living.

Why did he not go to Bethlehem?

Ans. Because he heard that Herod's son was king, and he was afraid that he would do as his father did.

LESSON VI.

THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

St. Luke ii. 41–51.

WHO went to Jerusalem?

Ans. Jesus, with His mother and Joseph, to a feast of the Jews.

How old was Jesus?

Ans. He was twelve.

When His parents returned home, was Jesus with them?

Ans. He stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Did His mother know it?

Ans. She supposed Him to be with their relations or friends who were returning home also.

How far had they gone before they missed Jesus?

Ans. A day's journey.

What did Joseph and Mary do?

Ans. They looked for Jesus among their friends, and not finding Him, went back to Jerusalem.

How long was it before they found Him?

Ans. After three days they found Him in the temple teaching the doctors.

How did those feel who heard Him?

Ans. They were astonished that a child should know so much.

When Mary and Joseph saw Him, how did they feel?

Ans. They were surprised; and Mary told Him that they had been looking anxiously for Him.

What was Jesus' reply?

Ans. "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Whom did Jesus mean by His Father?

Ans. God.

Did Jesus go home with His parents?

Ans. He went home with them to Nazareth, and loved and obeyed them.

What does that teach us?

Ans. To do as Jesus did, and always obey my father and mother.

Repeat the fifth commandment?

Ans. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Ex. xx. 12.

LESSON VII.

THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

St. Luke i. 5–22, 63, 80; St. Matt. iii. 1–8.

WHO lived in Jerusalem?

Ans. Zacharias, a Jewish priest.

Who came to him while he was in the temple?

Ans. An angel, who told him that he should have a son.

Did he believe the angel?

Ans. No; and God made him dumb, and he did not speak until the child was born.

What did Zacharias call his son?

Ans. John, for the angel told him to.

Where did John stay when he was a child?

Ans. In the deserts.

What did he wear?

Ans. Clothes made of camels' hair, and a leathern girdle around his waist.

What did he eat?

Ans. Locusts and wild honey.

Where did he go when he had grown up?

Ans. Into the wilderness of Judæa.

What did he do there?

Ans. He preached to the people.

From where did the people come to hear him?

Ans. From Jerusalem and Judæa.

What did he preach about?

Ans. About Jesus; and he told the people to repent of their sins.

What is it to repent?

Ans. To be sorry that we have done wrong, and make up our minds to do right.

Ought not you to be sorry when you do wrong?

Ans. I cannot go to heaven if I am not.

What did John do?

Ans. He baptized the people.

What was he called because he baptized the people?

Ans. John the Baptist.

What did the people do?

Ans. They confessed their sins.

Ought not you to confess your sins?

Ans. I must confess my sins to God, or He will not forgive them.

LESSON VIII.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

St. Matt. iii. 13–17.

FROM where did Jesus come?

Ans. From Galilee, to John.

Did Jesus live in Galilee?

Ans. He lived in a city called Nazareth, in Galilee.

Why did he come to John?

Ans. To be baptized by John.

Was John willing to baptize Him?

Ans. He thought he was not good enough to baptize Jesus.

Did John baptize Him?

Ans. John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan.

After Jesus was baptized, what took place?

Ans. The heavens opened, and the Spirit of God came down in the form of a dove, and rested upon Jesus.

What did God say?

Ans. "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

How can you have God "well pleased" with you?

Ans. By trusting and obeying Him.

What was Jesus doing when the Spirit of God came upon Him?

Ans. Praying.

How old was Jesus at this time?

Ans. "About thirty years of age."

LESSON IX.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

St. Matt. iv. 1-11.

WHO came to tempt Jesus in the wilderness?

Ans. The devil.

Who is the devil?

Ans. A wicked spirit, sometimes called Satan.

How long was Jesus in the wilderness?

Ans. Forty days and forty nights, and in all that time he ate nothing.

How did the devil tempt Jesus?

Ans. By asking Him to command the stones around Him to be made bread, and so prove Himself to be God.

Did He make the stones bread?

Ans. No; He did not.

Could He have done so?

Ans. Yes: for He is God, and made all things.

What did the devil do next?

Ans. He took Him, and put Him on a pinnacle of the temple.

What did the devil tell Jesus to do?

Ans. To cast Himself down, for the angels would take care of Him, and He would not be hurt.

Did Jesus obey the devil?

Ans. No; for Jesus was holy and could not?

Where did the devil take Jesus next?

Ans. Upon a high mountain, to show Him the beauty and the riches of the world.

What did the devil say he would give Jesus?

Ans. All the things that he showed Him, if He would fall down and worship him.

How did Jesus treat the devil?

Ans. He commanded him to go away.

Did he leave Jesus?

Ans. Yes; he went away and left Jesus.

Who came to Him?

Ans. Angels came to comfort Him.

Does the devil ever tempt us?

Ans. He is all the time trying to make us do wrong.

What ought we to do when he does this?

Ans. Call on Jesus to help us.

LESSON X.

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES.

St. John i. 35–42.

WHO saw Jesus while He was walking?

Ans. John the Baptist, and two of his disciples.

What did John say of Jesus to his disciples?

Ans. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." St. John i. 29.

Why did he say this of Jesus?

Ans. Because He was to die to take away our sins, so that we might go to heaven.

When John's disciples heard this what did they do?

Ans. They followed Jesus.

Did Jesus see them?

Ans. Yes, and asked them to come and see where He lived.

Did they go?

Ans. Yes; and stayed all night with Jesus.

Where does Jesus live now?

Ans. In Heaven.

Can we go to Jesus now?

Ans. Yes; by praying to Him.

Why does Jesus wish little children to come to Him?

Ans. That He may love, and save them, and help them to be good.

What did He do with children when He was here?

Ans. He took them in His arms and blessed them, saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." St. Mark x. 14, 16.

What were the names of John's disciples?

Ans. Andrew and John.

Whom did Andrew tell that he had found Jesus?

Ans. Simon Peter, his brother; and he brought him to Jesus.

How can you bring your brother or sister to Jesus?

Ans. By trying to make them love Jesus, and by praying for them.

What was the employment of Andrew, Peter, and John?

Ans. They were fishermen.

LESSON XL

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES — CONTINUED.

St. John i. 43–50.

WHERE did Jesus go?

Ans. Into Galilee.

Whom did He find?

Ans. Philip.

Where did Philip live?

Ans. In Bethsaida, a town on the Sea of Galilee, where Andrew and Peter lived.

What did Jesus tell Philip to do?

Ans. To follow Him.

How can you follow Jesus?

Ans. By trying to please Him, and to be like Him.

Whom did Philip tell about Jesus?

Ans. Nathanael; and he went to Jesus.

What did Jesus say of Nathanael when He saw him coming?

Ans. That he was a good man.

What did Nathanael ask Jesus?

Ans. He asked Jesus how He knew him.

What did Jesus answer?

Ans. "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee."

What is it supposed Nathanael was doing under the fig-tree?

Ans. Praying.

Does not Jesus see all we do, and hear all we say?

Ans. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. xv. 3.

What ought we to remember at all times?

Ans. That God sees and hears all we do, and say.

LESSON XII.

THE MIRACLE OF WATER MADE WINE.

St. John ii. 1–10.

WHERE did we leave Jesus in the last lesson?

Ans. At Bethsaida in Galilee, talking with Nathanael.

Where did Jesus go three days after?

Ans. To Cana of Galilee, to attend a wedding.

Who went with Him?

Ans. His disciples.

Who was there?

Ans. Mary, the mother of Jesus.

What was wanted at the wedding?

Ans. Wine.

Who told Jesus that they had none?

Ans. His mother.

What did she tell the servants?

Ans. To do what Jesus told them to do.

What were standing there?

Ans. Six water-pots of stone.

What did Jesus tell the servants to do?

Ans. To fill the water-pots with water.

Did they fill them?

Ans. "They filled them to the brim."

Then what did Jesus tell them to do?

Ans. To draw the water out and take it to the governor.

When the governor had tasted the water what did he find it to be?

Ans. The best of wine.

Who had made it so?

Ans. Jesus.

LESSON XIII.

JESUS CASTS THE BUYERS AND SELLERS OUT OF THE TEMPLE.

St. John ii. 12-16.

WHERE did Jesus go?

Ans. To a town called Capernaum.

From where did Jesus come?

Ans. Cana, where He made the water into wine.

Who went to Capernaum with Him?

Ans. Mary, His mother, His brethren, and His disciples.

How long did they stay?

Ans. A few days.

Where did Jesus go after He left Capernaum.

Ans. To the temple at Jerusalem.

What was the temple?

Ans. A splendid building in which the Jews worshipped God.

What did Jesus find in the temple?

Ans. Men, selling oxen, sheep, and doves.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He made a whip of small cords, and drove the men, and the sheep, and the oxen out of the temple, and overthrew the tables.

What did He say to those that sold doves?

Ans. He told them to take the doves out of the temple and not make the house of God a house to buy and sell in.

Is not a church the house of God.

Ans. It is; and we ought to reverence it as such.

Why do we go to church?

Ans. To worship God, and ask Him to bless us.

LESSON XIV.

JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH NICODEMUS.

St. John iii. 1-5.

WHO came to Jesus?

Ans. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

When did he come and why?

Ans. By night; for he was afraid of the people who did not like the teachings of Jesus.

What made him come to Jesus?

Ans. He had heard of His miracles.

Can you tell me some of the miracles which Jesus did?

Ans. He healed the sick, cast out devils, made the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the blind to see, and raised the dead.

What did Jesus teach Nicodemus?

Ans. That we must be baptized, and have the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Why?

Ans. Because we cannot go to Heaven without having a new heart.

What is it to have a new heart?

Ans. To love God, which makes us love to obey Him.

Why must we have a new heart before going to Heaven?

Ans. Heaven is a holy place, and the Holy Spirit must come into our hearts to make us holy before we can go there.

How can we have the Holy Spirit in our hearts?

Ans. By asking God to give Him to us for Jesus' sake.

How can you show that you have the Holy Spirit in your heart?

Ans "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 23.

LESSON XV.

JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH NICODEMUS — CONTINUED.

[Will the teacher read or tell the story of the brazen serpent to the children.]

St. John iii. 14–16.

WHO was Jesus talking with in the last lesson?

Ans. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

What more did Jesus teach him?

Ans. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must He be lifted up.

Why did Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness?

Ans. So that the Israelites who were bitten by the serpents in the wilderness might look upon it and live.

How was Jesus lifted up?

Ans. On the cross.

Why was Jesus lifted up on the cross?

Ans. "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What are you to believe?

Ans. That Jesus died on the cross to save me.

How is Jesus' dying on the cross like the serpent Moses put on the pole?

Ans. Looking to the brazen serpent saved the Israelites from death; looking to Jesus saves us from everlasting death.

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

Ans. "God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Does Jesus wish little children to come to Him, and be saved?

Ans. Yes, for while He was on earth, He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Mark x. 14.

What did He do, when He said that?

Ans. "He took them up in His arms, . . . and blessed them." St. Mark x. 16.

When does He wish them to come?

Ans. Now; to-day.

How can you come?

Ans. By asking Him to be my Saviour.

LESSON XVI.

HEALING OF THE NOBLEMAN'S SON.

St. John iv. 46–53.

WHO was sick at Capernaum?

Ans. The son of a nobleman.

What did the nobleman hear?

Ans. That Jesus had returned to Cana, a town not far from Capernaum.

What did he do?

Ans. He went to Cana and found Jesus and besought Him to come, and heal his son, for he was dying.

Did Jesus go?

Ans. He did not, but told him to go home, for his son would live.

Did he go home?

Ans. He believed Jesus, and went home.

Whom did he meet on the way?

Ans. His servants, who told him that his son was well.

What did the nobleman ask?

Ans. The time when his son began to get well?

What was the servants' reply?

Ans. Yesterday, at the seventh hour.

What did the nobleman then know?

Ans. That it was the same hour that Jesus told him his son would live.

What is told of him and his family?

Ans. That he believed in Jesus, and so did all that were in his house.

LESSON XVII.

A MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT OF FISHES.

St. Luke v. 1-11.

WHERE was Jesus standing?

Ans. By the Sea of Galilee.

Who came to Him?

Ans. A great many people, to hear Him teach about God.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He saw two ships out of which the fishermen were gone and were washing their nets.

Who were the fishermen?

Ans. Jesus' disciples, Simon Peter, James, and John.

Whose ship did Jesus go into?

Ans. He went into Peter's ship, and taught the people.

What did He tell Peter to do?

Ans. To sail out into the sea, and let his net down to catch some fish.

What did Peter tell Jesus?

Ans. That they had been fishing all night, and had caught nothing.

What did Peter say he would do?

Ans. That he would let down the net again into the sea because Jesus told him to.

Did he catch any fish now?

Ans. He caught a great many fishes, and the net brake.

Who did Peter call to help him?

Ans. James and John.

Did they help him?

Ans. "They came and filled both the ships so that they began to sink."

What did the fishermen do?

Ans. They gave up fishing, and followed Jesus.

How may you follow Jesus?

Ans. By loving and obeying Him.

LESSON XVIII.

JESUS HEALS THE SICK OF THE PALSY.

St. Mark ii. 1-14.

WHERE did Jesus go?

Ans. To Capernaum, a town on the Sea of Galilee.

Did He live there?

Ans. He had left Nazareth, where He lived when He was a child, and now lived in Capernaum. St. Matt. iv. 13.

What did the people do when they heard Jesus was in the house?

Ans. They came to Him to be taught about God, and there were so many, that the house would not hold them.

Who was brought to Jesus?

Ans. A man sick of the palsy.

How many brought him?

Ans. Four men; and they found that there was such a crowd, they could not come into the house.

What did they do?

Ans. They uncovered the roof of the house and let down the bed on which the sick man was lying.

How did Jesus receive him?

Ans. He said to him, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Will Jesus forgive you your sins?

Ans. He will, if I am sorry for them and ask Him.

Did Jesus heal the sick man?

Ans. Jesus told him to arise and take up his bed, and go home.

Did he do this?

Ans. He immediately arose, took up his bed, and went home.

What did the people do?

Ans. They were astonished and praised God.

Did Jesus come out of the house after this?

Ans. He went out by the seaside, the people following Him; and He taught them about God.

Whom did He see as He passed by.

Ans. Matthew; and said to him, "Follow me."

Did Matthew do so?

Ans. He arose, and followed Jesus, and was one of His disciples.

What was his business.

Ans. He was a tax collector.

LESSON XIX.

JESUS HEALS THE IMPOTENT MAN AT BETHESDA.

St. John v. 2-10.

WHAT was there at Jerusalem, by the sheep market?

Ans. A pool, called Bethesda, having five porches.

Who lay in these porches?

Ans. A great many sick people, who were blind, lame, and withered.

Why were they there?

Ans. They were waiting for an angel to come down into the pool to trouble the water.

Why did the angel do this?

Ans. That the first one who went down into the pool might be healed of his illness.

Was Jesus there?

Ans. Yes; for He had come to Jerusalem to attend a feast of the Jews.

Whom did He see lying there?

Ans. A man who had been ill thirty-eight years.

What did Jesus ask him?

Ans. If he would like to be made whole.

What did the man reply?

Ans. "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

What did Jesus tell him to do?

Ans. "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk."

Was the man healed?

Ans. "And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked."

What day was it?

Ans. The Sabbath day.

What does Jesus' healing this man on the Sabbath teach us?

Ans. To do good on that day.

What must we not do?

Ans. We must not work or play on the Lord's day.

LESSON XX.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

St. Matt. v. 1–9.

WHEN Jesus saw that the people crowded to hear Him, where did He go?

Ans. He went up into a mountain, and sat down, and taught them.

Who came to them?

Ans. His disciples.

What were His disciples' names?

Ans. Simon Peter and Andrew his brother, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James and Lebbeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot.

What did Jesus teach them?

Ans. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

What is it to be poor in spirit?

Ans. To be humble, which means to think little of ourselves.

Who next did Jesus say were blessed?

Ans. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Did Jesus say the meek would be blessed?

Ans. He said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

What did Jesus say of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Ans. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

What does this mean?

Ans. That those who wish to be good and holy shall have goodness and holiness given them, if they ask God for it.

Who next did Jesus say was blessed?

Ans. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

What did he say of the pure in heart?

Ans. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Who did Jesus say should be called the children of God?

Ans. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Who are the peacemakers?

Ans. Those who do not quarrel themselves, and try to prevent others.

LESSON XXI.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. v. 14–19.

Who did Jesus say were the light of the world?

Ans. His disciples and followers.

What command did He give?

Ans. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

What does He mean by our light?

Ans. The good that others see in us.

How can we let the light shine from us?

Ans. By doing right, and helping others to do right also.

Can we do so of ourselves?

Ans. No; we must ask God to help us to be good.

Why did Jesus say we should let our good be seen?

Ans. So that others, seeing our good works, may also learn to love and obey God.

Can you tell me some of these good works?

Ans. Being truthful, honest, loving, and kind to others, obeying our parents and doing what will please God.

Should we do right only that we may be praised?

Ans. No; but because we love to please God.

Who did Jesus say shall be least in the kingdom of Heaven?

Ans. Those who disobey the smallest of the commands, and try to make others do the same.

Who did He say shall be great in Heaven?

Ans. Those who keep them, and try to make others obey them also.

What did Jesus say was the first and great commandment?

Ans. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." St. Matt. xxii. 37.

What did He say was the second commandment?

Ans. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Whom does Jesus mean by our neighbor?

Ans. Every one.

If you love every one, how would treat them?

Ans. I should be kind and obliging; I should not quarrel with any one, or get angry.

LESSON XXII.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. v. 22, 39–42.

WHAT does Jesus teach about anger?

Ans. That we ought not to get angry with one another.

What besides this did He teach?

Ans. That we ought not to call each other names?

What names did He speak of?

Ans. Raca, which means vain fellow, and fool.

Of what should those who do so be in danger?

Ans. Of punishment in this world, and in the world to come.

What does Jesus teach us to do if any one treats us unkindly?

Ans. To be kind to them in return.

What besides this does He teach us to do?

Ans. To do as others wish, and be obliging.

What did Jesus teach us to do if anything was taken away from us.

Ans. To give it up, and not quarrel about it.

Then what ought you to do in your play with children?

Ans. I should be kind, and willing that they should have my playthings, and not quarrel with them.

What other things does Jesus teach?

Ans. That we ought to give to others of what we have.

What can we give away?

Ans. We can give love and kindness; we can give our help and money to the poor.

Who besides the poor can we give to?

Ans. To missionaries, who go and tell the heathen how Jesus came to save them, and what He wishes them to do.

LESSON XXIII.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. v. 44, 45; vi. 1.

WHO does Jesus teach us to love?

Ans. "Love your enemies."

Who are we to do good to?

Ans. "Do good to them that hate you."

How may we do them good?

Ans. By being kind to them, and forgiving them.

Who are we to pray for?

Ans. For those who treat us unkindly.

Was not Jesus an example to do so?

Ans. Yes; for when wicked men took Him, and crucified Him, He prayed for them.

How did He pray?

Ans. "Father, forgive them."

What did Jesus say those should be who pray for their enemies.

Ans. That they should be the children of God.

What does Jesus teach us about giving?

Ans. Not to give because we wish people to praise us, but because we love God.

Will God reward those who give?

Ans. He will reward them before the angels and men.

Does He not give us all things?

Ans. Yes; for He made the world and all things in it for us.

Then what ought we to do?

Ans. We ought to give of what He has given us to those who need it.

LESSON XXIV.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vi. 6.

WHAT did Jesus say we must do when we pray?

Ans. We must go alone, and pray to God in secret.

What is it to pray?

Ans. Asking of God what we need, and praising and thanking Him for all He has done for us.

Should we pray for our friends?

Ans. Yes; the Bible tells us to pray for them.

Will Jesus grant what we ask for?

Ans. He has said, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

Can you tell me some of the things we should pray for?

Ans. We should ask God to forgive us for doing wrong, and take us to Heaven for Jesus' sake.

Will He take us to Heaven?

Ans. Yes, if we love and trust Jesus.

What else should we ask Him for?

Ans. To give us His Holy Spirit to help us to be good.

In whose name must we pray?

Ans. Jesus' name.

How often ought we to pray?

Ans. We should be always ready to pray.

Who have we as examples?

Ans. King David and the Prophet Daniel, who prayed morning, and evening, and at noon.

LESSON XXV.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vi. 9–13.

WHAT does Jesus teach us to call God in this prayer?

Ans. "Our Father which art in Heaven."

Of what is this the beginning?

Ans. "The Lord's Prayer;" and called so because Jesus gave it to us.

What is the first thing we ask in this prayer?

Ans. "Hallowed be thy name."

What do you pray for when we say "Hallowed be thy name?"

Ans. That I and all others may revèrence and honor God's name.

For what do we pray next?

Ans. "Thy kingdom come."

For what do you pray when you say, "Thy kingdom come?"

Ans. That Jesus may come and reign over all the earth.

What is the next petition?

Ans. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is done in Heaven."

For what do you pray in saying this?

Ans. That I and all others may love and obey God.

Who do the will of God in Heaven?

Ans. The saints and angels.

What do you ask for next?

Ans. "Give us this day our daily bread."

What is the next petition?

Ans. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

What are our trespasses?

Ans. Our sins; and to forgive others trespasses, is to forgive wrongs and injuries.

For whose sake does God forgive us our sins?

Ans. For Jesus Christ's sake.

For what do we ask next?

Ans. "Lead us not into temptation."

What does this mean?

Ans. We ask God to keep us from being naughty.

What do we pray to be delivered from?

Ans. "Deliver us from evil."

What evil do you mean?

Ans. Sin, and everlasting death.

What do we say at the end of the prayer?

Ans. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen."

LESSON XXVI.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vi. 16–20.

WHAT does Jesus teach about fasting?

Ans. That we ought not to fast to make people see and praise us.

How ought we to fast?

Ans. So that God may see us, and give us His blessing.

When does our Church call upon us to fast?

Ans. During the season of Lent.

What is the first day of Lent called?

Ans. Ash Wednesday.

How long does Lent last?

Ans. Forty days, or six weeks not counting the Sundays.

What does Jesus teach about this life.

Ans. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," meaning do not love the things of this world too much.

What does He say of the things of this world?

Ans. That they are soon destroyed by moth and rust, and that thieves break through and steal.

Must we lay up treasures?

Ans. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

How can we do so?

Ans. By loving and trusting Jesus, and by being kind and loving to every one.

How are the things in Heaven different from the things of this world?

Ans. They never pass away, and no one can take them from us.

How long shall we have them?

Ans. For ever and ever.

LESSON XXVII.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vi. 24–33.

WHAT does Jesus say that we cannot do?

Ans. We cannot love the things of this world, and love and obey Him at the same time.

What must we not do?

Ans. Love play, and the pleasures we have more than God.

How can we show we love God more than these?

Ans. By cheerfully leaving our play and pleasures when we ought to do our duty.

What does Jesus teach about God?

Ans. That He cares for us and gives us all we need.

What does He give us?

Ans. Our food and clothes.

How does Jesus teach us to pray?

Ans. "Give us this day our daily bread."

What did He tell us to look at to teach us of His care for us.

Ans. At the birds, how they are fed, and cared for by God.

What else?

Ans. At the lilies, how beautifully they are clothed.

What did Jesus tell us to do?

Ans. To seek and trust Him, and He will give us all we need.

LESSON XXVIII.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vii. 1–12.

WHAT does Jesus teach that we must not do?

Ans. Not to find fault with and blame others.

What ought we to do instead?

Ans. We should try to be good, and then we shall help others to do right.

What promise does Jesus give us?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find."

For what are we to ask?

Ans. To be blessed by God here, and taken to Heaven when we die.

What are we to seek, and how?

Ans. We are to seek Jesus by prayer, that He may save us and help us to be good.

What other promise did Jesus give us?

Ans. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

What is to be opened.

Ans. Heaven, through Jesus; for He said, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

How does Jesus teach us to treat others?

Ans. To do to others as we would have them treat us.

What else?

Ans. To be obliging, and wish to help people.

LESSON XXIX.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. vii. 21–27.

WHO did Jesus say should enter Heaven?

Ans. Those who obey God.

What does God wish us to do?

Ans. To believe in Jesus as our Saviour, loving and obeying Him.

How can we obey Him?

Ans. We must ask Him to help us to be good, and to be kind and helpful to all about us.

Who did Jesus say the obedient were like?

Ans. Like a wise man who built his house on a rock.

What did He say of such a house?

Ans. That the rain, floods, and wind came, and beat upon that house, and it did not fall, for it was built upon a rock.

How was this man like one who obeys Jesus?

Ans. Because if we obey Jesus we shall be safe.

Who did He say that the disobedient were like?

Ans. Like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

How did Jesus describe such a house?

Ans. That the rain, floods, and wind came, and beat upon the house.

What became of the house?

Ans. It fell, and great was the fall of it.

How are those who disobey Jesus like this foolish man?

Ans. If we do not love, trust, and obey Him we shall be lost.

LESSON XXX.

THE WIDOW OF NAIN'S SON RESTORED TO LIFE.

St. Luke vii. 11–16.

WHERE did Jesus go?

Ans. Into a city called Nain.

Who went with Him?

Ans. Many of His disciples, and a good many people.

Who was carried out of the gate of the city?

Ans. A dead man, who was the only son of a widow.

Who were with her?

Ans. A great many people to mourn with her.

How did Jesus feel, when He saw her?

Ans. He felt sorry for her; and He told her not to weep.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. "He came and touched the bier" where the young man lay.

What did they who were carrying him do?

Ans. They stood still.

What did Jesus say?

Ans. "Young man, I say unto thee, arise."

Did the young man arise?

Ans. He sat up and began to speak."

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He gave the young man to his mother.

How did the people feel?

Ans. They were afraid, and praised God.

LESSON XXXI.

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

St. Luke viii. 4–15.

WHO came to Jesus as He sat by the sea?

Ans. A great many people, from every city.

What did He do?

Ans. He went, and sat down in a ship, for there was no room on the shore because of the people, and taught them by a parable. St. Matt. xiii. 2.

What did Jesus teach?

Ans. That a sower went out to sow his seed.

What does the sower and seed mean?

Ans. The sower is any one who teaches about the Bible; and the seed is the Bible.

Where did some of the seed fall?

Ans. By the wayside; and it was trodden down, and the birds ate it.

Where else did some fall?

Ans. On a rock, and as soon as the seed grew up it withered away.

Where else did the seed fall?

Ans. Among thorns; and they sprang up and choked it.

Where did some of the seed fall.

Ans. On good ground, and sprang up and brought forth much fruit.

What does this parable teach?

Ans. That we should listen to and obey what the Bible teaches us.

LESSON XXXII.

JESUS CALMS THE TEMPEST AND CASTS OUT DEVILS.

St. Matt. viii. 23–32.

WHERE did Jesus go?

Ans. Into a ship.

Who went with Him?

Ans. His disciples and there were also other little ships on the sea.

Was it calm?

Ans. No; there was a storm on the sea.

Was the ship Jesus was in, in danger?

Ans. The waves beat into the ship, so that it was full of water.

In what part of the ship was Jesus?

Ans. In the back part of it, asleep on a pillow. St. Mark iv. 38.

What did his disciples do?

Ans. They came to Jesus and awoke Him, saying "Lord, save us; we perish."

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He arose and said to the wind, and waves, "Peace, be still." St. Mark iv. 39.

Was the sea quiet?

Ans. "The wind ceased, and there was a great calm." St. Mark iv. 39.

Who met Jesus after He was on shore?

Ans. Two men possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce; and people were afraid to pass by that way.

What was there?

Ans. A great many swine feeding.

What did the devils beseech Jesus?

Ans. If thou cast us out, make us to go into the herd of swine.

Was He willing to do so?

Ans. He said to them, "Go." And when they were come out of the men they went into the swine.

What became of the swine.

Ans. They ran violently down a steep place into the sea and were drowned.

LESSON XXXIII.

THE HEALING OF A SICK WOMAN — JAIRUS' DAUGHTER RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

St. Mark v. 22–43.

WHO came to Jesus?

Ans. Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue.

What did he ask Jesus?

Ans. He fell at Jesus feet, and besought Him to come to his house and heal his little daughter who was dying.

How old was she?

Ans. She was twelve, and was his only daughter. St. Luke viii. 42.

Did Jesus go?

Ans. Jesus went with him and so did His disciples, and many people.

Who was in the crowd?

Ans. A very sick woman.

What did she think, and do?

Ans. That if she only touched Jesus she should be healed, and she touched His garments.

Was she healed?

Ans. She was, immediately.

Did Jesus know she touched Him?

Ans. Yes; and looked round to see her.

What did the woman do?

Ans. Fearing and trembling, she came and fell down before Him and told Him why she touched Him. St. Luke viii. 47.

What did Jesus say to her?

Ans. "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

While Jesus was speaking who came?

Ans. Some one from the ruler's house, telling him that his daughter was dead.

Did Jesus go?

Ans. He said to the ruler, "Be not afraid, only believe," and He went with him.

Did any one go with Him?

Ans. Jesus let no one go with Him but Peter, James, and John.

What did Jesus hear when He came near the house?

Ans. Weeping, and wailing, and music.

Did they go into the house?

Ans. Yes; and Jesus took the child by the hand and said to her, "I say unto thee, arise."

Did she arise?

Ans. She arose and walked; for she was twelve years old.

What did Jesus command?

Ans. "That something should be given her to eat."

LESSON XXXIV.

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT.

St. Matt. xviii. 23-35.

WHOM did Jesus tell about?

Ans. About a king which would take account with his servants.

Who was brought to the king?

Ans. One of his servants who owed him ten thousand talents.

What did the king command, and why?

Ans. That he, his wife, and children should be sold, because he could not pay him.

What did the servant do and say?

Ans. He fell down before the king, saying, "Have patience with me and I will pay thee all."

Did the king have patience?

Ans. Yes; and forgave him his debt.

Who owed the servant?

Ans. A fellow servant owed him a hundred pence.

What did he do?

Ans. He laid hands on him and took him by the throat telling him to pay him.

Did the servant pay him?

Ans. He "fell down at his feet and besought him, saying, Have patience with me and I will pay thee all."

Did the servant have patience with him?

Ans. He did not, but cast him into prison till he should pay him.

Who told the king of all this?

Ans. His servants.

What did the king do?

Ans. He called the servant and told him that he should deliver him to the tormentors.

Why did he do this?

Ans. Because he had not forgiven his fellow servant the debt.

What did Jesus say God would do?

Ans. That God would not forgive us if we did not forgive others.

How did Jesus teach us to pray?

Ans. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

LESSON XXXV.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

St. Luke x. 25–37.

WHAT did a lawyer ask Jesus?

Ans. "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life."

What did Jesus answer?

Ans. "What is written in the law; how readest thou?"

What did the lawyer answer?

Ans. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

What did Jesus say?

Ans. "Thou hast answered right; do this and thou shalt live."

What more did the lawyer ask?

Ans. "Who is my neighbor?"

Did Jesus tell him?

Ans. He told him a story, to show the lawyer who his neighbor was.

Whom did He tell about?

Ans. A man who was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho.

What did He tell about the man.

Ans. That thieves came and robbed him of everything that he had and wounded him, leaving him naked and half dead.

Who saw the man?

Ans. A priest; and went by on the other side of the road, leaving the man to suffer.

Who next went by?

Ans. A Levite; and came and looked at the man, but went away without doing anything for him.

Did some one else go by?

Ans. Yes, a Samaritan; and he went to him and bound up his wound, pouring in oil and wine.

What else did he do?

Ans. He set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

What more did he do?

Ans. The next day when he went away he gave two pence to the host, and told him to take care of the man, and if he spent any more he would pay him.

What did Jesus mean to teach by this parable?

Ans. That we ought to do good to and help every one.

LESSON XXXVI.

FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS MIRACULOUSLY FED.

St. John vi. 5–13.

WHOM did Jesus see coming to Him?

Ans. A great many people?

What did He do?

Ans. He taught them about God and healed them of their sickness.

What did Jesus ask one of His disciples?

Ans. He asked Philip where they could buy bread to give the people.

Why did He ask Philip this?

Ans. They were far from their homes in a desert, and it was very late in the day, and they were hungry.

What did Philip answer?

Ans. Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not enough for them.

Who did Andrew say was there?

Ans. A boy who had five barley-loaves and two small fishes; but what are they for so many people?

How many were there?

Ans. "About five thousand men, besides women and children." St. Matt. xiv. 21.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Ans. "He commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass." St. Mark vi. 39.

Did they do this?

Ans. "They sat down . . . by hundreds, and by fifties." St. Mark vi. 40.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He gave them to His disciples to give to the people.

Did He give the fishes?

Ans. He gave them the two fishes also.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Ans. When the people had finished, He told them to gather up what was left.

How much did they gather?

Ans. They filled twelve baskets with what was left of the five barley-loaves.

How large were the baskets?

Ans. They each held a loaf.

LESSON XXXVII.

JESUS WALKING ON THE WATER.

St. Matt. xiv. 22–32.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus feeding five thousand people.

Where did He send His disciples afterwards?

Ans. He sent them away in a ship to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

Why did He do this?

Ans. That He might go up into a mountain to pray.

Is not this an example to us?

Ans. It is; and besides Jesus has *told* us to go alone and pray to God.

After Jesus came down from the mountain, where did He go?

Ans. To His disciples, who were on the sea in a ship.

How did Jesus go to His disciples?

Ans. He walked on the water to them.

Could any one else have walked on the water by his own power?

Ans. No; the water would not have held him up; but Jesus has power to do anything.

How were His disciples affected?

Ans. They were afraid and cried out, saying it is a spirit.

What did Jesus say to them?

Ans. "Be of good cheer; it is I: be not afraid."

Who called to Jesus?

Ans. Peter, saying, Let me come to thee on the water.

Did Jesus tell him to come?

Ans. Yes.

Did Peter go?

Ans. "He walked on the water, to go to Jesus."

Did Peter continue to walk on the water?

Ans. No; he saw the waves so high that he was afraid, and began to sink.

What did he do?

Ans. He cried out to Jesus saying, "Lord, save me."

How could Peter walk on the water?

Ans. By the help of Jesus.

Did Jesus save him?

Ans. And immediately Jesus put out His hand, and caught him.

Will not Jesus save you?

Ans. He loves little children, and will save us if we ask Him to.

Where did Jesus and Peter go?

Ans. They went into the ship, and the wind ceased.

LESSON XXXVIII.

JESUS HEALS THE DAUGHTER OF THE WOMAN OF CANAAN.

St. Matt. xv. 22–31.

WHO came to Jesus?

Ans. A woman of Canaan.

What did she ask Jesus?

Ans. To cast the devil out of her daughter.

What did the disciples wish?

Ans. That Jesus would send her away.

Did she continue to cry after Jesus?

Ans. She came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me."

Did Jesus help her?

Ans. He told her that He would cast the devil out of her daughter.

Was the devil cast out?

Ans. When the woman went home she found her daughter lying on the bed, and the devil had gone out of her. St. Mark vii. 30.

Will not Jesus cast sin out of our hearts?

Ans. If we earnestly ask Him, He will put His Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may love and serve Him.

Where did Jesus go after this?

Ans. He went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

Who came to Him?

Ans. A great many people, bringing those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and put them down at Jesus' feet.

Did Jesus heal them?

Ans. Yes; and the people wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the lame to walk, and the blind to see.

LESSON XXXIX.

THE PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND THE LOST PIECE OF MONEY.

St. Luke xv. 1–10.

WHO came to Jesus?

Ans. Publicans and sinners, to hear Him.

Who found fault?

Ans. The Pharisees and Scribes, because Jesus was willing to teach them.

Why did Jesus come from Heaven, into this world?

Ans. To save us sinners.

How did Jesus speak to the people?

Ans. By parables, which are stories to explain higher things.

What story did He tell?

Ans. About a man who had a hundred sheep.

How many did he lose?

Ans. He lost one of them, and left ninety-nine in the wilderness to go and find it.

What did he do when he found the sheep?

Ans. He laid it on his shoulders, rejoicing, and carried it home.

Whom did he call together?

Ans. His friends and neighbors, saying unto them, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

How did Jesus explain this story?

Ans. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

What is it to repent?

Ans. To be sorry for doing wrong, and to make up our minds to do right.

What other story did Jesus tell?

Ans. About a woman who had ten pieces of silver, and lost one piece.

Did she find it?

Ans. She lighted a candle, and swept the house, seeking diligently till she found it.

What did she do, when she had found it?

Ans. She called her friends and her neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost."

Does Jesus seek to find us and to save us?

Ans. Yes; for he loves little children, and wishes them to be with him in Heaven.

Who did Jesus say rejoiced over those who repent?

Ans. The angels in Heaven.

LESSON XL.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS.

St. Luke xvi. 19–31.

About whom did Jesus teach?

Ans. A man who was very rich, and was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.

Who was laid at the rich man's gate?

Ans. A poor man named Lazarus, and he was full of sores.

What did Lazarus desire?

Ans. To be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; and the dogs came and licked his sores.

What became of Lazarus?

Ans. He died, and was carried by angels into Heaven.

What became of the rich man?

Ans. "He died; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Whom did he ask Abraham to send to him?

Ans. "Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

Did Abraham send Lazarus?

Ans. No; for there was a great gulf between them.

Where did the rich man wish Lazarus sent?

Ans. To his father's house, that his brothers might not come to the same place.

Did Abraham send Lazarus?

Ans. No; but told the rich man that they had the Bible to tell them how to go to Heaven.

What ought you to do that you may go where Lazarus did?

Ans. I ought to obey what the Bible teaches?

What does it teach.

Ans. That I must obey, love, and trust Jesus my Saviour.

LESSON XLI.

JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY.

St. Matt. xviii. 1–4.

WHO came to Jesus?

Ans. His disciples.

Whom do you mean by his disciples?

Ans. The twelve men who were always with Jesus.

Can you tell me their names?

Ans. Simon Peter and Andrew his brother, James, and John, and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James and Philip, Judas, Simon, and Judas Iscariot. St. Luke vi. 14–16.

What did they ask?

Ans. "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven."

Whom did Jesus call to Him?

Ans. "Jesus called a little child unto Him and set him in the midst of them."

What did He tell them?

Ans. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

What is it to be converted?

Ans. To love Jesus and try to do as He wishes.

What besides loving Jesus does this verse teach?

Ans. It teaches me to be meek and lowly.

Who did Jesus say should enter Heaven?

Ans. Those who do not think too much of themselves, and who love and trust Him.

Who did He say were blessed?

Ans. "Blessed are the meek."

LESSON XLII.

JESUS CLEANSES TEN LEPERS.

St. Luke xvii. 12–19.

WHO met Jesus?

Ans. Ten men, who were lepers, standing afar off.

What are lepers?

Ans. Those who have a terrible disease called leprosy.

What did they say in a loud voice?

Ans. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

What did Jesus tell them to do?

Ans. To go and show themselves to the priest.

Did Jesus cure them?

Ans. As they went to the priest they were cleansed.

What did one of the men do?

Ans. When he found he was healed he went back to Jesus, praising God.

When he reached Jesus what did he do?

Ans. He fell down on his face at the feet of Jesus, giving Him thanks.

What did Jesus ask?

Ans. "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

Why did Jesus say the man was cleansed?

Ans. He said his faith had made him whole.

Of what do we need to be cleansed?

Ans. Of our sins.

Who will do it?

Ans. Jesus, if we are sorry for them and ask Him.

LESSON XLIII.

THE PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD.

St. Matt. xx. 1–10.

WHAT is this parable about?

Ans. A householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers in his vineyard.

What did he agree to give the laborers?

Ans. A penny a day.

What did the householder do about the third hour?

Ans. He went out, and saw others standing idle, and sent them to work in his vineyard.

What did he do again?

Ans. "Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise."

When did he go out again?

Ans. About the eleventh hour, and told those who had been idle all day to go and work in his vineyard.

What is a vineyard?

Ans. It is a large field or garden filled with grape-vines.

What did the lord of the vineyard do at evening?

Ans. He called the laborers to him and paid them each a penny, beginning at the last.

What promise have those who seek Jesus early?

Ans. "Those that seek me early shall find me."

LESSON XLIV.

THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN.

St. Luke xviii. 9–15.

To whom did Jesus speak?

Ans. He spoke a parable to those who trusted in themselves.

Whom did He tell about?

Ans. Two men who went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, the other a Publican.

How did the Pharisee pray?

Ans. "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are . . or even as this Publican."

Of what did he boast?

Ans. "I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

What is a tithe?

Ans. A tenth part of one's property, which the Jews were required to give to the church.

What does this teach us?

Ans. To give of what we have to the poor, and to send the gospel to the heathen.

How did the publican pray?

Ans. "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Which of these men did Jesus say God heard?

Ans. The Publican, for he humbled himself, confessing himself a sinner.

Will He hear you?

Ans. If I believe that Jesus died to take away my sins He will.

Who were brought to Jesus?

Ans. They brought to Him infants, that He might bless them.

How did Jesus receive them?

Ans. He called them unto Him, and said "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

Did Jesus bless them?

Ans. He took them up in His arms, put His hand upon them, and blessed them. St. Mark x. 16.

How can children go to Jesus now?

Ans. They can pray to Him at all times, and in all places.

LESSON XLV.

JESUS FORETELLS HIS DEATH — RESTORES A BLIND MAN TO HIS SIGHT.

St. Luke xviii. 31–43.

WHERE did Jesus say He and His disciples must go?

Ans. To Jerusalem, and that all things that were written about Him should come to pass.

What did He say would come to pass?

Ans. That He should be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spit upon.

What besides this were they to do?

Ans. "And put Him to death: and the third day He shall rise again."

Who sat by the way-side?

Ans. A blind man begging, named Bartimeus.

What did he ask?

Ans. Hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

What was he told?

Ans. That Jesus was passing by.

What did Bartimeus cry?

Ans. "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me."

What did the people do?

Ans. They told him not to cry after Jesus.

Did he do as they told him?

Ans. "He cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me."

Did Jesus hear him?

Ans. He did, and He commanded him to be brought to Him.

What did Jesus ask him?

Ans. "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?"

What did the man answer?

Ans. "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Did Jesus heal him?

Ans. Yes; Jesus said, "Receive thy sight."

Will Jesus save you?

Ans. He will if I love and trust Him.

What did the man do?

Ans. He followed Jesus, praising God.

LESSON XLVI.

THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST.

St. Matt. xxii. 1-13.

How did Jesus speak to the people?

Ans. By a parable, which is a story to explain higher things.

What was the story?

Ans. About a king making a marriage feast for his son.

What does this marriage feast mean?

Ans. Being with Jesus in Heaven.

What did the king do?

Ans. He sent his servants to those who were invited, to call them to the wedding.

Did they come?

Ans. They did not; and he sent his servants again to them saying, "Behold, ... my oxen and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage."

Are all things ready for our salvation?

Ans. Jesus is always ready to save us.

Did they still refuse?

Ans. Yes; one went to his farm, another to his merchandise.

How did the rest treat the servants?

Ans. they took them and treated them badly, and killed them.

What did the king do?

Ans. He sent his armies and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their cities.

Did he send his servants out again?

Ans. He told them to go into the streets, and as many as they found to bid to the marriage.

Did the servants go?

Ans. Yes; and a great many came to the wedding.

Are you not called to this feast?

Ans. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." St. Matt. xix. 14.

When the king came to the wedding, whom did he see?

Ans. A man not having on a wedding garment.

What does this garment mean?

Ans. The garment of holiness, which Jesus gives to those who love Him.

Can any one go to Heaven without it?

Ans. All who enter Heaven must be made holy by Jesus before they go there.

LESSON XLVII.

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS.

St. Matt. xxv. 31–33.

Is Jesus to come here again?

Ans. He will come in a cloud, with great glory and great power, and all the holy angels with Him.

Do we know when He will come?

Ans. No; even the angels in Heaven do not know.

Why will Jesus come?

Ans. To judge the world.

Who will be before Him?

Ans. All nations, all people.

What will He do?

Ans. "He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats."

Why will He separate them?

Ans. Because the good and the bad are not to live together.

What will He do with them?

Ans. "He shall set the sheep on His right hand and the goats on the left."

What does this mean?

Ans. Those on the right hand are the good whom Jesus loves, but those on the left, are the wicked; whom He will send away from Him.

Where will those go on the right hand?

Ans. To Heaven; and will always be with Jesus.

What must you do to go to Heaven?

Ans. Love Jesus, trusting Him to take me to Heaven, for He died to save me.

LESSON XLVIII.

SECOND COMING OF JESUS — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. xxv. 34–40.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus coming to judge the world.

What will He do with the nations before Him?

Ans. He will put the good on His right hand, and the bad on His left.

What will He call the good?

Ans. He will call them blessed.

Where will He say they will go?

Ans. To Heaven, to live with Him always.

Why will He call them blessed?

Ans. Because they had loved and obeyed Him.

What had they done?

Ans. They clothed the poor, and gave them food to eat.

What besides this had they done?

Ans. They had taken care of the sick, and visited those who were in prison.

Why had they done all this?

Ans. Because they loved Jesus.

What has Jesus taught in St. Matt. v. 7?

Ans. "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy."

LESSON XLIX.

SECOND COMING OF JESUS — CONTINUED.

St. Matt. xxv. 41–46.

WHAT was the subject of the last two lessons?

Ans. The coming of Jesus to judge the world.

Whom will He put on His left hand?

Ans. The wicked.

What will He say to them?

Ans. He will tell them to go away from Him.

Where will He send them?

Ans. To live with the devil and his angels.

Why will He do this?

Ans. Because they had not loved and obeyed Him.

What had they not done?

Ans. They had never clothed or fed the poor or been kind to them.

What besides this?

Ans. They had never taken care of the sick, or visited the prisoner.

When Jesus tells them this, what will they do?

Ans. They will boast that they had done much for Jesus.

What will the good do when Jesus praises them for obeying Him?

Ans. They will feel that they have done nothing for Him.

What has Jesus taught in St. Matt. v. 3?

Ans. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

LESSON L.

MARY ANOINTS THE SAVIOUR.

St. John xii. 1-11.

To what town did Jesus and His disciples come?

Ans. To Bethany; where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

What was done for Jesus?

Ans. They made Him a supper in the house of Simon the leper. St. Matt. xxvi. 6.

Who were there?

Ans. Lazarus, and his sisters, Martha and Mary.

Did they sit at table with Jesus?

Ans. Lazarus did, but Martha served.

What did Mary have?

Ans. An alabaster box of spikenard, which is a very costly ointment made from a sweet-smelling plant. St. Matt. xxvi. 7.

What did Mary do with the ointment?

Ans. She poured it on the head and feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. St. Matt. xxvi. 7.

What did one of the disciples ask?

Ans. Judas Iscariot asked, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"

Did he really wish it given to the poor?

Ans. No. he was the keeper of the bag of money, and was a thief, and wanted the money for himself.

Why did Mary do this?

Because she loved Jesus.

What did Jesus say about her?

Ans. That wherever He should be preached about this should be told of her.

What did the people know?

Ans. That Jesus was there and they came to see Him and also Lazarus whom He raised from the dead.

What did the chief priests wish to do?

Ans. To put Lazarus to death; for many of the people believed on Jesus because He raised Lazarus from the dead.

LESSON LI.

JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM.

St. Mark xi. 1-11.

To what city did Jesus and His disciples come near?

Ans. Jerusalem.

Where did Jesus send two of His disciples?

Ans. To a village near by.

What did Jesus tell them they would find there?

Ans. A colt tied, on which a man never sat: loose him, and bring him to me.

What else did Jesus tell them to do?

Ans. If any man asked why they took him, to say "that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him."

Did the disciples find the colt?

Ans. Yes; tied by the door in a place where two ways met; and they loosed him.

Did any one speak to them?

Ans. The owners of the colt asked why they loosed him. St. Luke xix. 33.

What did the disciples answer?

Ans. That Jesus wanted him. St. Luke xix. 34.

Did they bring the colt to Jesus?

Ans. They brought the colt to Jesus, and put their garments on him, and He sat upon him.

What did the people do?

Ans. They spread their garments in the way, and others cut off branches of palm-trees and strewed them in the way. St. John xii. 13.

What did they cry?

Ans. "Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of Lord."

Did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?

Ans. Yes; and He entered into the temple, and there were children in the temple, saying Hosanna to the son of David.

Where did Jesus go after this?

Ans. To Bethany with the twelve, where His friends, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary lived.

LESSON LII.

CONSPIRACY OF THE HIGH PRIESTS — JUDAS SEEKING TO BETRAY JESUS.

St. Matt. xxvi. 1-4; 14-16.

WHAT did Jesus say was near?

Ans. The Jews' feast of the Passover.

What did He say would take place?

Ans. That He would be betrayed to be crucified.

Who assembled together?

Ans. The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people, at the palace of Caiaphas the high-priest.

Why did they come together?

Ans. To consult how they might take Jesus secretly to put him to death.

Who came to the chief priests?

Ans. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples.

Why did he come?

Ans. To ask them what they would give him if he would tell them where Jesus was, that they might take Him.

Did they give him anything?

Ans. They gave him thirty pieces of silver.

How much was this?

Ans. Fifteen dollars, each piece being fifty cents.

What did Judas do?

Ans. From that time he sought to betray Jesus.

LESSON LIII.

JESUS PARTAKES OF THE PASSOVER.

St. Matt. xxvi. 17-25.

WHAT did the disciples ask Jesus?

Ans. "Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover."

Where did Jesus tell them to go?

Ans. Into the city.

Whom should they meet?

Ans. A man carrying a pitcher of water. St. Luke xxii. 10.

What did Jesus tell them to say to the man?

Ans. That He would keep the Passover at his house.

Did they go?

Ans. Peter and John went and found the man as Jesus had said, and made ready the Passover. St. Luke xxii. 8, 13.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. In the evening He sat down with the twelve to eat the Passover.

What did He tell them?

Ans. That one of them would betray Him.

How did the disciples feel?

Ans. They were very sorrowful, and each one asked Him, "Lord is it I."

What did Jesus answer?

Ans. "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me."

What did Judas ask?

Ans. "Master is it I?" and Jesus told him that it was.

What did Judas do?

Ans. He went out; and it was night. St. John xiii. 30.

LESSON LIV.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Matt. xxvi. 26–30.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus and His disciples celebrating the Passover.

Who had just gone out?

Ans. Judas; and it was night. St. John xiii. 30.

What did Jesus do then?

Ans. He "took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to His disciples."

What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

Ans. Take, eat; this is my body."

What did He do with the cup?

Ans. "He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it."

Why did Jesus wish them to do this?

Ans. He said to them, "This do in remembrance of me." St. Luke xxii. 19.

What is this called?

Ans. The Lord's Supper.

Who are those who go to the Lord's Supper?

Ans. All those who love Jesus and trust Him as their Saviour.

How was the supper ended?

Ans. They sung a hymn, and then went out on the Mount of Olives.

LESSON LV.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

St. Matt. xxvi. 36–56.

WHERE did Jesus and His disciples go?

Ans. To the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He went a little way from His disciples and prayed.

When Jesus went to His disciples, how did He find them?

Ans. Asleep; and He asked Peter if he could not watch with Him one hour.

What did He tell them to do?

Ans. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

What did Jesus do again?

Ans. He went away again and prayed, and also a third time, and still found His disciples asleep.

Who came to Him while He was praying?

Ans. An angel from Heaven, strengthening Him. St. Luke xxii. 43.

Who came afterwards?

Ans. Judas, one of His disciples, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

What had they besides swords and staves?

Ans. Lanterns and torches. St. John xviii. 3.

What did Judas do?

Ans. "He came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master, and kissed Him."

Did they take Jesus?

Ans. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him.

What did Peter do?

Ans. He struck the high-priest's servant with a sword and cut off his ear. St. John xviii. 10.

Did Jesus heal the ear?

Ans. "He touched his ear, and healed him." St. Luke xxii. 51.

Did the disciples stay with Jesus?

Ans. "Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled."

LESSON LVI.

JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS THE HIGH-PRIEST.

St. Matt. xxvi. 57–68.

WHERE did we leave Jesus?

Ans. In the garden of Gethsemane, taken by men sent from the chief priests and elders.

Where did they lead Him?

Ans. To Caiaphas, the high-priest.

Who followed a great way off?

Ans. Peter followed them into the palace, and sat down with the servants.

Why did he go into the palace?

Ans. To see what they were going to do with Jesus.

What did the chief priests try to find?

Ans. Men that would say something untrue against Jesus.

Why did they wish to do this?

Ans. That they might put Jesus to death.

Did they find any one to speak against Jesus?

Ans. At last came two false witnesses.

What did the high-priest ask Jesus?

Ans. To tell them if He was the Christ the Son of God.

What did Jesus answer?

Ans. "Thou hast said," which is the same as I am.

What further did Jesus say?

Ans. That they should see Him coming in the clouds from Heaven.

Did they believe what Jesus said?

Ans. No; they said that He blasphemed, and was guilty of death.

Then what did they do?

Ans. They blindfolded Him, and struck Him, and spit in His face. St. Luke xxii. 44.

What did they ask Him?

Ans. To tell them who struck Him.

LESSON LVII.

PETER'S DENIAL — DEATH OF JUDAS.

St. Matt. xxvi. 69–75; xxvii. 3–10.

WHERE was Jesus when we left Him in the last lesson?

Ans. In the palace of the high-priest, the people treating Him cruelly.

Who were in the outer hall?

Ans. The servants and officers stood there by the fire.

Who was with them?

Ans. Peter; standing by the fire warming himself.

Who spoke to Peter?

Ans. A maid, asking him if he was not with Jesus.

Did Peter say he was?

Ans. No; he told them that he did not know what they were talking about.

When he had gone out into the porch, who saw him?

Ans. Another maid saw him and said to them that were on the porch, "This fellow was also with Jesus."

Did Peter deny Jesus again?

Ans. Yes; for he said with an oath that he did not know Jesus.

Who next told him he was one of Jesus' disciples?

Ans. They that stood by, saying that he spoke like a Galilean.

What did Peter do the third time?

Ans. He began to curse and to swear, saying, "I know not the man."

What took place?

Ans. The cock crew, and Peter remembered that Jesus had said, "Before the cock crows, thou shalt deny me thrice."

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He turned and looked upon Peter. Luke xxii. 61.

How did Peter feel?

Ans. Peter went out and wept bitterly. St. Luke xxii. 62.

How did Judas feel when he saw that Jesus was to die?

Ans. He felt sorry; and brought the money to the chief priest and elders.

Why did he feel sorry?

Ans. Because he had shown the chief priests where Jesus was; and he had done a very wicked thing.

What did he do?

Ans. He threw down the thirty pieces of money and went and hanged himself.

What did the priests do with the money?

Ans. They bought a field to bury strangers in.

LESSON LVIII.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE — IS CONDEMNED.

St. Matt. xxvii. 11–26.

WHERE did we leave Jesus in the last lesson?

Ans. Before the chief priests and elders.

How did they treat Him?

Ans. They spit in His face and smote Him with their hands.

To whom did they lead Jesus?

Ans. To Pilate, the Roman governor.

What was the custom at the feast?

Ans. For the governor to release unto the people whatever prisoner they should choose.

Whom did they have a prisoner?

Ans. Barabbas; he was a robber and a murderer. St. Mark xv. 7; St. John xviii. 40.

What did Pilate ask the people?

Ans. Whom they wished that he should release, Barabbas or Jesus?

What did the chief priests and elders persuade the people?

Ans. "That they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus."

What did the people answer Pilate?

Ans. Barabbas; and Pilate asked, "What shall I do then with Jesus?"

What did they say?

Ans. "Let Him be crucified."

LESSON LIX.

JESUS MOCKED BY THE ROMAN SOLDIERS, AND LED AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED.

St. Matt. xxvii. 27–33.

WHO condemned Jesus to death?

Ans. Pilate; because the people wished it.

Where did the soldiers take Jesus?

Ans. Into the common hall, and stood round Him.

What did they do?

Ans. They took off His clothes, and put on Him a scarlet robe.

Why did they do this?

Ans. To mock Him; for kings wore scarlet robes.

What did they put on His head?

Ans. When they had made a crown of thorns they put it on His head, and a reed in His hand.

What besides this did they do?

Ans. "They bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews."

How did the soldiers treat Him?

Ans. They spit upon Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

After they had mocked Him what did they do?

Ans. They put on His own clothes, and led Him to be crucified.

Who carried the cross?

Ans. Jesus and a young man named Simon. St. Luke xxiii. 26.

Who followed Him?

Ans. A great many people, which bewailed and lamented him. St. Luke xxiii. 27.

Who else went with Him?

Ans. Two thieves were led away with Him to be crucified. St. Luke xxiii. 32.

To what place did they come?

Ans. To a pace called Golgotha, also Calvary. St. Luke xxiii. 33.

LESSON LX.

THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS.

St. Matt. xxvii. 35–50.

WHERE did we leave Jesus in the last lesson?

Ans. Being led away to be crucified by the Roman soldiers.

Did they crucify Him?

Ans. When they came to a place called Calvary, there they crucified Him. St. Luke xxiii. 33.

What did they do with His garments?

Ans. They divided them among themselves; but for the coat they cast lots.

Who stood by the cross?

Ans. Mary His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Which of Jesus' disciples was there?

Ans. John; and Jesus told him to take care of His mother.

What did Pilate put over Jesus' head?

Ans. "This is Jesus the King of the Jews;" and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. St. John xix. 20.

What was Jesus' prayer on the cross?

Ans. "Father, forgive, them; for they know not what they do." St. Luke xxiii. 34.

Who were crucified with Him?

Ans. Two thieves; one of them asked Him, saying, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." St. Luke xxiii. 42.

What was Jesus' answer?

Ans. "To-day thou shalt be with me in paradise." St. Luke xxiii. 43.

What took place?

Ans. There was darkness over all the land for three hours.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. "He cried with a loud voice, . . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me."

Did Jesus die?

Ans. "He bowed his head and died.

Why did He die?

Ans. So that I might go to Heaven when I die.

Will He save you?

Ans. He will if I believe in Him as my Saviour, and trust Him.

When does our Church remind us of the death of Jesus?

Ans. On Good Friday.

LESSON LXI.

THE BURIAL OF JESUS.

St. Matt. xxvii. 51–66.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. The death of Jesus.

What took place when He died?

Ans. There was an earthquake and the rocks rent.

What besides this took place?

Ans. The graves were opened, and many of the saints which were dead arose.

When did they come out of their graves?

Ans. After Jesus arose from the dead, they went into Jerusalem, and appeared to many.

When the soldiers saw all this, how did they feel?

Ans. "They feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."

Who were there?

Ans. Many women; and among them Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of James and John.

Who came toward evening?

Ans. Joseph, a rich man of Arimathea, came to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Did Pilate give it to him?

Ans. He commanded the soldiers to give it to him.

Who came with Joseph?

Ans. Nicodemus.

What did Joseph do?

Ans. He wrapt the body of Jesus in a clean linen cloth.

What did he and Nicodemus bring?

Ans. They brought spices and put around Jesus with the linen clothes. St. John xix. 40.

Where did they lay Jesus?

Ans. In a new tomb which Joseph had hewn out of a rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door and went away.

Who were sitting there?

Ans. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.

What was done to the sepulchre?

Ans. The chief priests and Pharisees had the stone sealed, and set a watch.

When does our Church remind us of the Saviour's lying in the tomb?

Ans. On Easter Eve.

LESSON LXII.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

St. John xx. 1–18.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus being buried by Joseph and Nicodemus.

On what day of the week did Jesus die?

Ans. On Friday.

Who came to the sepulchre?

Ans. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome, bringing spices that they might anoint Jesus. St. Mark xvi. 1.

When did they come?

Ans. On the first day of the week.

What did they see?

Ans. The stone rolled away; there had been a great earthquake. St. Matt. xxviii. 2.

Who rolled the stone away?

Ans. An angel came down from heaven and rolled the stone back, and sat upon it. St. Matt. xxviii. 2.

Were the watch frightened?

Ans. They were very much frightened, and fell down as if dead. St. Matt. xxviii. 4.

What did the angel tell the women?

Ans. That Jesus was not there, for He had risen.

Did Mary Magdalene understand the angel?

Ans. No; for she went and told Peter and John that they had taken away the Lord, and she did not know where they had laid Him.

Did the disciples go and see where Jesus was?

Ans. Yes; and John got there first and saw the linen clothes lying in the sepulchre.

What did Peter do when he came?

Ans. He went into the sepulchre and also saw the clothes and the napkin that was about Jesus' head lying by itself.

Did John go in also?

Ans. He also went in and saw and believed, and then they returned home.

Who stayed behind?

Ans. Mary, weeping; and looking into the sepulchre she saw two angels in white, one at the head, the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain.

What did the angels ask her?

Ans. Why she wept: she said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

Whom did she see?

Ans. She turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know him.

What did Jesus ask her?

Ans. "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?"

Whom did Mary suppose Jesus to be?

Ans. The gardener; and she asked him where Jesus was.

What did Jesus call her?

Ans. Mary.

Did she know him then?

Ans. Yes; and called Him "Rabboni, which is to say Master."

What did she do?

Ans. She went and told the disciples that she had seen Jesus.

LESSON LXIII.

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES GOING TO EMMAUS.

St. Luke xxiv. 13–35.

Who went to Emmaus?

Ans. Cleopas and another disciple of Jesus.

Who drew near while they were talking of Jesus and His death?

Ans. Jesus; and they did not know Him.

What did He ask them?

Ans. What they were talking about, and why they were so sad?

What did they answer?

Ans. They said they were talking of Jesus and of His crucifixion.

What did they say of this day?

Ans. That it was the third day since the death of Jesus.

Who did they say had been at the sepulchre?

Ans. Certain women, and had seen a vision of angels, who said that Jesus was alive.

How did Jesus answer the disciples?

Ans. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things?" and beginning at Moses, and all the prophets, He explained what they taught about Himself.

Where did they draw near?

Ans. To a village called Emmaus, and Jesus would have gone further.

What did the disciples ask Jesus?

Ans. To stay with them, and He stayed.

What did Jesus do when they were at supper?

Ans. "He took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave it to them."

Did the disciples know then who it was?

Ans. "They knew it was Jesus, and He vanished out of their sight."

Where did the disciples go?

Ans. To Jerusalem, where the eleven were.

What did the eleven say?

Ans. "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon."

What did Cleopas and the other disciple tell them?

Ans. That they had seen Jesus, and they knew Him by His breaking of bread.

LESSON LXIV.

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES.

St. John xx. 19–22.

WHERE were the disciples the evening of Jesus' resurrection?

Ans. They were in a room, and the doors were shut for fear of the Jews.

Who stood in the midst of them?

Ans. Jesus, and they were frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. St. Luke xxiv. 37.

What did Jesus say to them?

Ans. "Peace be unto you."

What did He show them?

Ans. He showed them His hands and His feet. St. Luke xxiv. 40.

What did Jesus do to show them that it was He.

Ans. He asked for something to eat.

What did they give Him?

Ans. They gave him a piece of broiled fish and of a honey comb, and He took it and did eat before them.

How did they feel?

Ans. They were glad that it was really Jesus.

What did He say to them again?

Ans. "Peace be unto you; and . . . He breathed on them, and they received the Holy spirit.

Will Jesus give you the Holy spirit?

Ans. "Ask, and it shall be given you." St. Luke xi. 9.

LESSON LXV.

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES A SECOND TIME.

St. John xx. 24–29.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus appearing to His disciples after His resurrection.

Which of His disciples was not with them?

Ans. Thomas, one of the Twelve.

What did the disciples tell him?

Ans. "We have seen the Lord."

Did Thomas believe them?

Ans. No; he wished to see the print of the nails in

His hands and His feet before he would believe it was Jesus.

When were the disciples together again?

Ans. Eight days after Jesus had appeared to them.

Who came to them?

Ans. Jesus, and said, "Peace be unto you."

What did He ask Thomas to do?

Ans. "Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side."

What did Jesus tell Thomas?

Ans. To believe, that it was He.

What did Thomas answer?

Ans. "My Lord and m y God."

Why did Jesus say that Thomas believed?

Ans. "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed."

What besides this did Jesus say?

Ans. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.

What are you to believe?

Ans. That Jesus came from Heaven and died on the cross to save me.

LESSON LXVI.

JESUS APPEARS AT THE SEA OF GALILEE.

St. John xxi. 1-14.

WHO were together by the Sea of Galilee?

Ans. Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, and John, and two other of the disciples.

What did the disciples do?

Ans. They went into a ship and went fishing, but they caught nothing that night.

Whom did they see?

Ans. In the morning they saw Jesus standing on the shore, but they did not know Him.

What did Jesus ask them?

Ans. "Children, have ye any meat? They answered Him No."

What did He tell them to do?

Ans. To cast the net on the right side of the ship, and that they would find some.

Did they find any fish?

Ans. Yes; and now they could not take the net into the ship it was so full of fishes.

Who knew it was Jesus?

Ans. John said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

What did Peter do?

Ans. He cast himself into the sea to go to Jesus.

How did the other disciples come to Jesus?

Ans. In the ship, dragging the net after them.

What did they see on the land?

Ans. A fire of coals, and fish on the fire, and bread.

What did Jesus tell them to do?

Ans. To bring the fish which they had caught.

Who drew the fish to land?

Ans. Simon Peter; and there were a hundred and fifty-three, and yet the net was not broken.

What did Jesus do?

Ans. He said to them Come and dine; and He took the bread and fish and gave it to them.

How many times had Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection?

Ans. Three times.

LESSON LXVII.

JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH PETER.

St. John xxi. 15–17.

WHAT was the last lesson about?

Ans. Jesus meeting His disciples by the Sea of Galilee.

After they had dined, what did Jesus ask Peter?

Ans. "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?"

Why did Jesus ask Peter this question?

Ans. Because He had denied knowing Jesus.

What did Peter answer?

Ans. "Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee."

What did Jesus tell Peter to do?

Ans. "Feed my lambs."

Who are Jesus' lambs?

Ans. Children that love Him and keep His commandments.

How did Jesus treat little children and what did He say of them?

Ans. "He took little children in His arms, and blessed them, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." St. Mark x. 14, 16.

What did Jesus ask Peter again?

Ans. "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"

How many times did Jesus ask him this question?

Ans. Three times.

Was Peter sorry?

Ans. He was grieved because Jesus asked him the the third time if he loved Him.

How did Peter answer Jesus?

Ans. That Jesus knew all things, and He knew that he loved Him.

What did Jesus tell him to do?

Ans. "Feed my sheep."

Did Peter do this?

Ans. He was always earnest to preach to the people about Jesus.

LESSON LXVIII.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Acts i. 3–11.

How long was Jesus on the earth after His resurrection?

Ans. Forty days.

Who were assembled together?

Ans. Jesus and His disciples.

What did Jesus command them?

Ans. To stay at Jerusalem until God had given them the Holy Spirit.

Will God give us the Holy Spirit?

Ans. Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

After Jesus had spoken to his disciples, what took place?

Ans. "He was taken up: and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

Whom did the disciples see?

Ans. Two men dressed in white, standing by them.

What did they tell the disciples?

Ans. That Jesus would come again to the earth.

How did they say He would come?

Ans. Just as He went up to Heaven.

Why will Jesus come again?

Ans. To judge the world.

Will you see Him?

Ans. "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. i. 7.

LESSON LXIX.

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES.

Acts ii. 1–41.

On what day were the Apostles together?

Ans. The day of Pentecost, at Jerusalem.

What suddenly came from Heaven?

Ans. "A sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

What appeared to them?

Ans. "Cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

With what were the disciples filled?

Ans. With the Holy Ghost; and they began to speak as the Spirit taught them.

Who were living in Jerusalem?

Ans. Jews, devout men, out of every nation.

When the people heard of all that took place, what did they do?

Ans. They came to hear the disciples speak.

Could they understand them?

Ans. Yes; for every one heard their own language.

How did the people feel?

Ans. They were confounded, and astonished, asking one another, "What meaneth this?"

Who rose to speak to them?

Ans. Peter.

What did he speak about?

Ans. Jesus; that He died and arose again.

Did the people believe Peter?

Ans. Many of them believed what he said, and became Christians.

You have now learned much about Jesus: you know that He suffered and died to save you. Should you not love Him who has shown so much love for you?

Ans. Yes; and I will ask God to help me to be good and please Him for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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